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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: BINDER ARTICLE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. EARLIER TODAY I PREPARED A CABLE FOR YOU FROM THE SECRETARY ON THE BINDER PIECE. I INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO THE CLAIM THAT ROBINSON, HARTMAN AND I HAD CONSIDERED A REPRIMAND, DENYING ITS ACCURACY. THE CABLE WAS SENT OUT BY A SUBORDINATE WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH ME, OR LETTING ME CLEAR IT WITH THE SECRETARY.
2. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ANYTHING ON THAT SUBJECT UNTIL I COULD GET BACK TO WASHINGTON AND ASSURE MYSELF THAT THE DISCLAIMER WAS TOTALLY CORRECT. I PREPARED A NEW CABLE FOR KISSINGER WITHOUT ANYTHING ON THE REPRIMAND POINT, AND GOT HIS CLEARANCE.
3. ONLY THEN DID I FIND THAT THE FIRST CABLE HAD ALREADY GONE. I PUT OUT AN ORDER TO CANCEL THE MESSAGE, BUT AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THEY CAUGHT IT BEFORE IT WAS DELIVERED TO YOU.
4. IF YOU RECEIVED IT, FORGET IT AND PUT IT DOWN TO AN OVER-HASTY STAFF. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT, THEN YOU ARE NOW IN ON OUR SCREW-UPS.

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5. IN ANY EVENT, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AIN'T GUILTY.

THAT MUCH I KNOW FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.
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